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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Colson et al. **EXAMINER:** To be Assigned
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FILED: 09 July 2001
FOR: Nonwoven Fabric and Method and Apparatus for
Manufacturing Same

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371(e)**

After the attached PCT application has entered the national stage, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 1 of the specification by inserting the following before
current Paragraph No. [0001]:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is the Section 371(c) filing of copending PCT
Application No. PCT/US00/00571, filed 10 January 2000, which designated the
United States. This application also claims domestic priority from the following
copending and commonly owned provisional applications, U.S.S.N. 60/115,600,
filed 12 January 1999; U.S.S.N. 60/154,717, filed 20 September 1999, U.S.S.N.